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feel like bringing to you on Final Reading, but thought that the department's request that we consider two main components of that bill was a reasonable request. They are things that really do need to be addressed this session, and we can address the other elements of LB 654 next session. The first part of the amendment addresses changing dates when funding is made available from the Nebraska Local Government Innovation and Restructuring Fund. And under current law, transfer of \$100,000 is made twice a year, on August 1 and on June 1. What the department is asking, because this program sunsets on July 1 of 2000, they're asking us to make the entire transfer on August of 1999 instead of making the other part of the transfer in June, right before the commission expires. So we agreed that it didn't make much sense to try to provide an appropriation to a commission that was going to end a month later. The change will not result in any increase in funding for the commission. It simply changes the date that it will be available. The second part of the amendment extends the healthcare benefits for temporary state workers. The extension will allow DAS to consider health benefits as they address other issues concerning temporary workers. This amendment will not require General Funds. Under my amendment to LB 1113A (sic--113A), a transfer will be made from a revolving fund to DAS to continue this program. This is a program that is in effect, and it's simply expiring, so we want to extend it for two more years. Again, no new General Funds are needed. I would be happy to try to answer any questions that you might have on the amendment, but would appreciate your consideration and your support to return this to Select.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. On the motion to return LB 113 to Select File for specific amendment, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. President and members, I do appreciate Senator Schimek bringing this. And as she explained, it came out of committee 8 to 0, and I think that tells the story. And with that, I...I'll support her motion to return this to Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Wehrbein.